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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 22, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

A1  
3. (Amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amplification of the  
electrical signals in the sensor unit and/or in the evaluation unit is variable over the  
different regions of the optical image.

A2  
6. (Amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one storage unit is  
located downstream of the sensor unit.

7. (Amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is at least one control  
means for controlling the duration and/or the intensity of the light pulses.